

## THE NEED FOR MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION

There are three factors involved which contribute to the overall accident experience. They are the driver, the roadway and the vehicle. Events observed have shown that many owners fail to properly maintain their vehicles. The function of the Missouri State Highway Patrol in Motor Vehicle Inspection is to identify these defective vehicles and cause them to be repaired or removed from the highways of the state. How, then, are we to accomplish this? The only way to be reasonably certain vehicles are maintained mechanically safe is through periodic motor vehicle inspection. Since the program began in 1969, over one million defects have been identified annually. This has contributed to the continual decrease in the death rate per 100 million miles.



INSPECTION STATION

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION

### 1. Q. If I sell my car do I need to have it inspected?

A. Yes; if the car is sold to an individual and not used as a trade-in on another vehicle it must be inspected prior to sale. The exceptions to this are vehicles sold from dealer to dealer, or vehicles sold for junk, salvage or rebuilding. In the latter case, the affidavit contained in the Official Inspection Regulations shall be presented by the buyer to the seller.

### 2. Q. When is an inspection required?

A. New motor vehicles not previously titled and registered are not required to be inspected for the two year period following their model year of manufacture. Inspection is required within sixty days of application for registration; immediately prior to the sale of a used vehicle, except if the vehicle is sold for junk, salvage, or rebuilding; and, if involved in an accident and so directed by a police officer.

### 3. Q. Who can perform motor vehicle inspections?

A. Mechanics who have at least one year of practical experience as an automobile mechanic or who have successfully completed a course of vocational instruction in automotive mechanics from a generally recognized educational institution. They must demonstrate their knowledge and ability to conduct an inspection in compliance with established procedures and be at least seventeen years old and licensed by the State Highway Patrol.

### 4. Q. If the vehicle is rejected and repairs are made elsewhere, must I show a repair bill to the inspection station at the time of reinspection?

A. No, since the inspector/mechanic visually rejected the vehicle, he must visually reinspect it. The reinspection shall take place in the area approved for inspection purposes. In most cases, the vehicle would have to be inspected inside the approved area.

### 5. Q. How long should I have to wait at the inspection station before I receive an inspection?

A. Inspection station operators and/or inspector/mechanics are obligated to conduct inspections and reinspections of vehicles during normal business hours. A vehicle shall be inspected within two (2) hours after being presented unless other vehicles are being inspected. When a vehicle is presented during the twenty (20) day period for reinspections, a reinspection must begin within one (1) hour.

### 6. Q. How much time does a person have to get their defects corrected before they must pay an additional fee?

A. If a person returns the vehicle to the original inspection station within twenty (20) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and state holidays, the rejected items will be reinspected at no additional cost. The inspection station is only required to perform one (1) free reinspection.

### 7. Q. If I have a complaint against an inspection station, who do I turn to?

A. There are nine Highway Patrol troops throughout the state. Contact the troop nearest you and explain the situation, in order that an immediate investigation may be made.

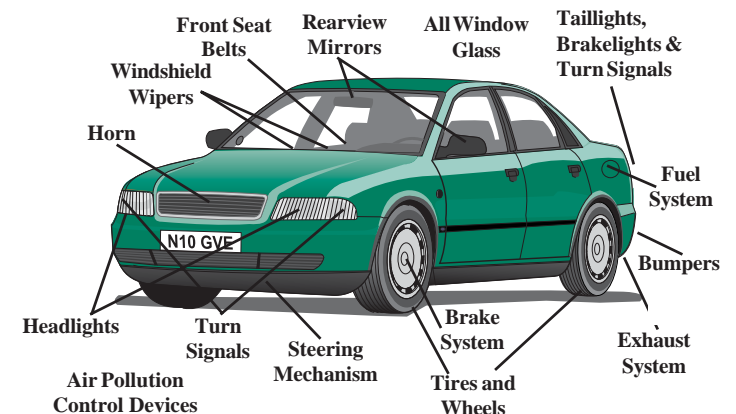
### 8. Q. What items are necessary for a person to take with them to the inspection station?

A. The only items required for an inspection are the fee and the vehicle to be inspected. Proof of ownership and renewal notices are not necessary. The inspector/mechanic should obtain the needed information from the vehicle and the person presenting the vehicle.

### 9. Q. Can a vehicle which does not have a valid registration (license) be operated to an inspection station?

A. Yes, but only for the purpose of obtaining an inspection and over the most direct route between the owner's usual place of residence and an inspection station. If repairs are needed, the vehicle may be operated from the inspection station to a place of repair and returned for reinspection provided the repairs are made within twenty (20) days.

### THESE ITEMS WILL BE INSPECTED



## HAVE A QUESTION OR A PROBLEM?

There may come a time when you have a question or a problem concerning Missouri's Motor Vehicle Inspection Program. The Missouri State Highway Patrol is vitally interested in seeing that the program is administered properly and that the vehicle owner is treated fairly. If you should have any questions or problems, please call the troop headquarters or satellite in your area or the Motor Vehicle Inspection Division in Jefferson City, MO.

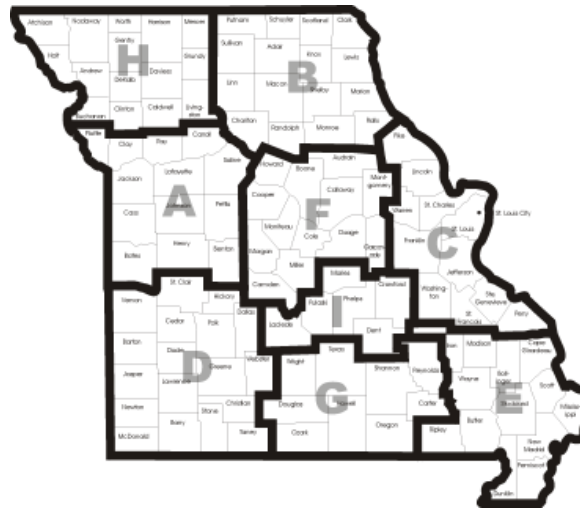


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# Missouri State Highway Patrol

## TROOP AREA MAP



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### Road Conditions

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